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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

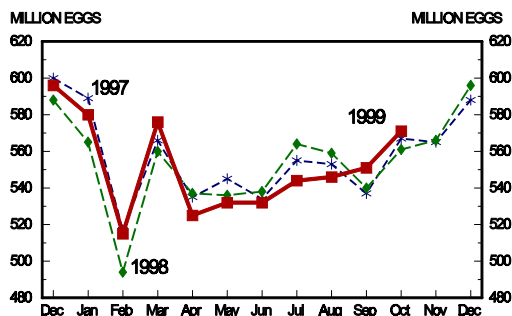
California's egg production during October totaled 571 million, 20.0 million more than last month and 10.0 million more than last October. The total number of layers during the month averaged 25.7 million, fractionally above October 1998. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,220 compared to 2,170 last month and 2,190 in October 1998.

U.S. OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

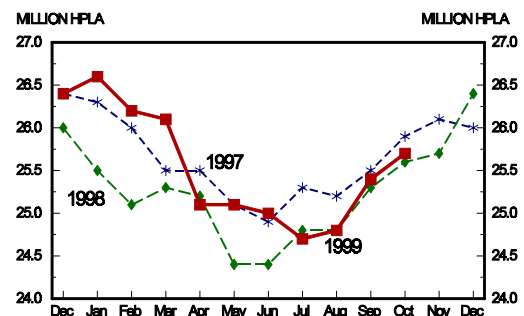
U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during October 1999, up 5 percent from the 6.79 billion produced in 1998. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 1999 averaged 327 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during October 1998. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 2 percent from the 2,157 eggs in October 1998.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1999 totaled 327 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 327 million layers consisted of 268 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1999 averaged 70.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.6 a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING OCTOBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF NOVEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	11,185	10,697	1,967	1,954	220	209	1.5	2.0	12.0	11.0
Arkansas	14,434	15,340	1,864	1,949	269	299	1.5	2.5	6.5	9.5
California	25,616	25,716	2,190	2,220	561	571	7.0	8.0	34.0	42.5
Georgia	21,338	21,031	2,043	2,121	436	446	2.5	1.0	21.0	16.0
Indiana	21,949	22,038	2,273	2,246	499	495	3.5	5.0	32.5	26.5
Iowa	23,767	25,957	2,163	2,288	514	594	5.0	4.0	30.5	32.5
North Carolina	11,112	11,114	1,944	1,943	216	216	2.5	2.0	8.5	8.0
Ohio	28,283	31,186	2,273	2,238	643	698	2.5	3.0	13.5	12.5
Pennsylvania	22,274	22,809	2,267	2,315	505	528	4.0	6.0	16.0	20.0
Texas	17,186	17,268	2,054	2,166	353	374	5.0	2.0	20.5	23.0
UNITED STATES	314,847	325,069	2,157	2,192	6,791	7,126	3.7	3.7	21.8	23.0

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The October 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 698 million, was up 1 percent from October of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 574 million on November 1, 1999, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.12 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 1999. This was up 3 percent from October 1998.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	91,013	92,854	102
Arkansas	102,425	102,922	100
Delaware	14,941	14,503	97
Florida	9,213	9,169	100
Georgia	108,110	105,417	98
Maryland	30,951	27,476	89
Mississippi	60,092	62,322	104
North Carolina	56,147	59,962	107
Pennsylvania	12,317	11,944	97
South Carolina	15,715	16,124	103
Texas	45,769	48,337	106
Virginia	22,295	21,568	97
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	35,685	36,765	103
Other States ^{1/}	88,516	88,424	100
UNITED STATES	693,189	697,787	101

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 38.6 million, up 11 percent from October 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.1 million on November 1, 1999, up 2 percent from a year ago.

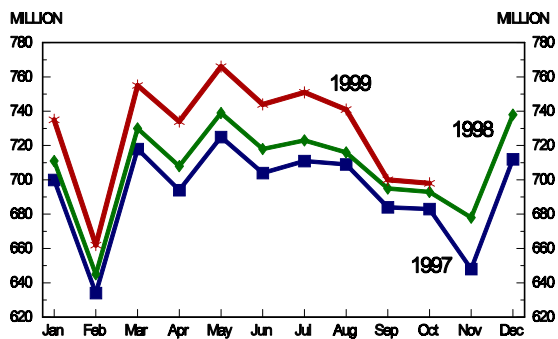
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 254 thousand during October 1999. This was down 29 percent from October 1998.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

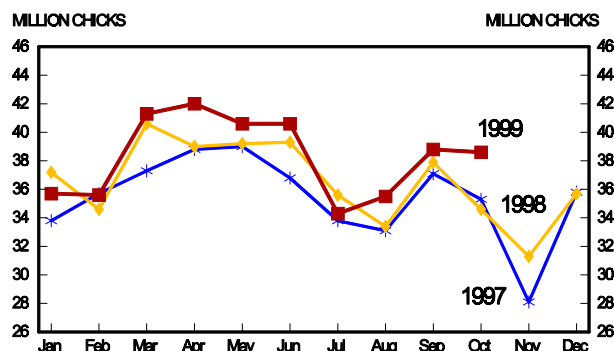
State	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	467	819	175
Florida	953	1,084	114
Georgia	1,740	2,044	117
Indiana	6,897	7,083	103
Iowa	4,745	4,473	94
Kansas	152	194	128
Minnesota	1,961	1,828	93
Missouri	306	306	100
Pennsylvania	5,354	6,490	121
Other States ^{1/}	12,074	14,238	118
UNITED STATES	34,649	38,559	111

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999**



**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999**



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, NOVEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	11,026	10,389	94	6,139	5,527	90
East North Central	8,280	7,563	91	8,144	8,408	103
West North Central	20,233	18,372	91	6,536	5,815	89
South Atlantic	222,066	219,439	99	3,866	3,141	81
South Central	294,339	295,249	100	2,781	3,724	134
West	22,828	22,498	99	2,969	4,491	151
UNITED STATES	578,772	573,510	99	30,435	31,106	102

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average October prices received by California producers, when compared to September average prices, increased 1.0 cent per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased 13.6 cents per dozen.

Nationally, the October average prices received by producers decreased 3.0 cents per pound for broilers, but increased 0.9 cent per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased 7.6 cents per dozen.

**POULTRY AND EGG
AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS ^{1/}**

Commodity	Unit	October 1998	Sept. 15, 1999	Oct. 15, 1999
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2/</u>	Lb.	45.0	---	---
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	54.0	39.0	25.4
Turkeys	Lb.	44.0	46.0	47.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2/</u>	Lb.	43.9	36.5	33.5
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	53.2	39.7	32.1
Turkeys	Lb.	42.8	44.5	45.4

- ^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.
- ^{2/} California broiler prices published annually starting in May 1999.
- ^{3/} Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 1999 in the United States totaled 28.9 million, up 5 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 2 percent from the October 1 total of 28.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 4 percent; West North Central, up 16 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, up 2 percent; West, down 6 percent.

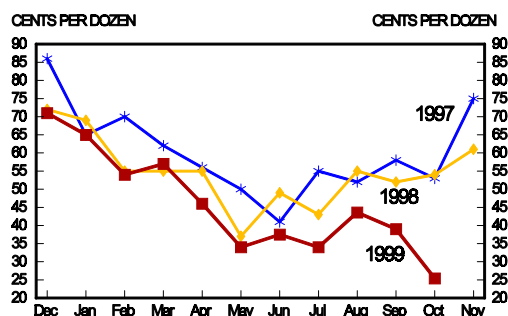
The 22.3 million poult placed during October 1999 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 2 percent from the September total of 21.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 9 percent; West North Central, up 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 7 percent; South Central, up 3 percent; West, down 10 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

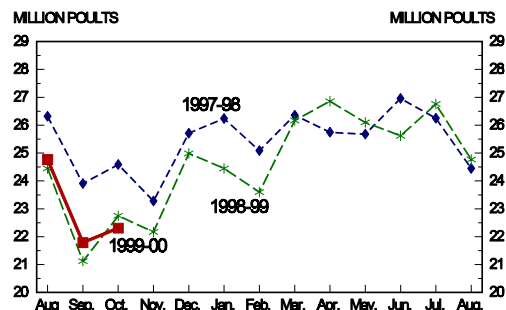
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Nov. 1		1999 1998	Poults Placed during Oct. 1/		1999 1998
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,830	4,614	96	3,802	3,460	91
W N Central	8,465	9,836	116	7,175	7,704	107
N & S Atlantic	8,681	8,965	103	7,519	6,998	93
S Central	3,359	3,410	102	2,537	2,608	103
West	2,200	2,076	94	1,716	1,542	90
U.S.	27,535	28,901	105	22,749	22,312	98

- ^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1997-1999**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
AUGUST THROUGH AUGUST, 1997-00**



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		99-00 98-99	Cumulative Total		99-00 98-99
	1998-99	1999-00		1998-99	1999-00	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	21,124	21,794	103	21,124	21,794	103
Oct.	22,749	22,312	98	43,873	44,106	101
Nov.	22,167			66,040		
Dec.	24,985			91,025		
Jan.	24,590			115,615		
Feb.	23,722			139,337		
Mar.	25,917			165,254		
Apr.	26,817			192,071		
May	26,097			218,168		
June	25,621			243,789		
July	26,755			270,544		
Aug.	24,767			295,311		

- ^{1/} Excludes exported poults.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	Oct. 1998	Sept. 1999 <u>a/</u>	Oct. 1999	<u>Oct 99</u> Oct 98	<u>Oct 99</u> Sep 99
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	125,026	113,574	82,295	66	72
Chickens	Lbs.	23,936	45,952	49,205	206	107
Ducks	Lbs.	96	456	388	404	85
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	149,058	159,982	131,888	88	82
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	658,732	596,358	492,826	75	83
Chickens	Lbs.	618,882	894,615	828,740	134	93
Ducks	Lbs.	5,092	5,990	5,360	105	89
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,282,706	1,496,963	1,326,926	103	89
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	9,031	9,482	9,821	109	104

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